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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed in the signatory page(s) commencing at page 2 hereof) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Systems and Methods for Fiber Distribution and Management
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the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on November 17, 2003 as  
United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number: 10/714,814;

☐ was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referenced to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Filed	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or under 35 U.S.C. §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) associated with **Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, 161 Worcester Road, P.O. Box 9320, Framingham, Massachusetts, 01701-9320, Customer No.: 30407** to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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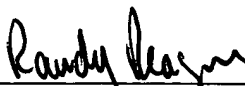

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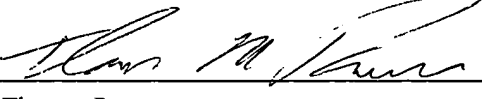
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)**

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Applicant or Patentee: Fiber Optic Network Solutions Corporation  
Serial or Patent No. 10/714,814  
Filed or Issued: November 17, 2003  
For: Systems and Methods for Fiber Distribution and Management

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Fiber Optic Network Solutions Corporation  
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I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small Business Administration, Size Standards Staff, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416 or you may call 202-205-6618.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
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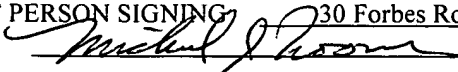
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